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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PANAM CRASH

REF: JAKARTA 4905

1. EMBOFF (FSO PRINGLE) NOW IN SINGARAJA (SOME 30 KILOMETERS FROM CRASH SITE) REPORTED BY PHONE AT 10:00 PM LOCAL TIME APRIL 23 THAT INDONESIAN TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR RESCUE/SECURITY OPERATIONS IS DOING SUPERB JOB IN FACE OF IMMENSE DIFFICULTIES. TEAM, LED BY AIR FORCE COMMANDER FROM SURABAYA (MARSHALL ARIED RIJADI) IS VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. NTSB TEAM AND HAS ASKED TO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY WHEN AND WHERE TEAM WILL ARRIVE AND ITS COMPOSITION.

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2. PRINGLE ALSO REPORTS SEVERAL INDONESIAN POLICE HAVE ACTUALLY REACHED SITE OF CRASH (ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS FROM VILLAGE OF TINGA TINGA, WHERE INDONESIANS HAVE ESTABLISHED BASE CAMP) AND HAVE POSTED SECURITY GUARDS AROUND SITE. FEW INDONESIANS (BOTH POLICE AND VILLAGERS) HAVE RETURNED FROM SITE TO BASE CAMP AND REPORT THERE IS NO HOPE OF ANY SURVIVORS.

3. PRINGLE SAYS PANAM PLANE CRASHED INTO MOUNTAIN WITH TERRIFIC IMPACT AND THERE SO FAR NO CLUE WHATSOEVER AS TO REASON FOR CRASH, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON ABSOLUTELY CLEAR NIGHT. HE ALSO SAYS CRASH SITE IS IN SUCH DIFFICULT TERRAIN (UP VERY STEEP CLIFF REQUIRING ALMOST PROFESSIONAL SKILL TO BE SCALED AND SURROUNDED BY THICK, VIRGIN FOREST) THAT IT IS NOT YET CERTAIN IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH HELIPAD AT SITE OF CRASH.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY RE ETA AND COMPOSITION OF UN NTSB TEAM.
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